Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Monday 15 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Tuesday 16 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Sunday 14 Mar 2021 at 15:54 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high for Monday and Tuesday, although a couple of hours uncertainty in clearance time for rain Tuesday morning and strength of summit winds through Tuesday. Some uncertainty in cloud amounts Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Headline for Monday 15 Mar 2021: A mostly dry day, cloud increasing, rain in the evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 15 Mar 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Dull	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	30%	60%	>95%

Forecast for Monday 15 Mar 2021

Weather: Mainly dry for much of the day. Rather cloudy, but a few breaks likely, mainly across the Trossachs and eastern Lochaber. Cloud thickens in the afternoon with rain reaching the west coast shortly before dusk, spreading inland in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% in the morning, 60% in the afternoon, falling to nil towards dusk.

Visibility: Variable at height, frequent patchy cloud above around 600m in the morning, cloud bases mostly above the summits by early afternoon, but occasionally lowering to around 800-900m. Very poor by dusk, cloud extensive down to low levels.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	23/27 NW	24/28 NW	21/25 NW	17/21 NW	14/18 W	13/18 W	16/20 SW	18/22 S	21/27 SW
900	14/18 NW	14/18 NW	13/17 NW	9/13 NW	8/13 W	10/14 W	9/12 SW	11/15 S	14/20 SW
600	11/15 SW	12/15 SW	10/13 W	8/11 SW	7/11 W	9/14 W	9/12 SW	9/12 S	14/19 SW
300	5/8 NW	5/8 SW	5/7 W	3/6 W	5/9 W	6/9 W	5/8 SW	5/9 S	6/12 S
Glen	5/10 NW	3/7 W	4/7 W	4/8 W	5/9 W	6/11 W	4/8 SW	5/11 S	6/12 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-12	-4/-12	-3/-11	-3/-10	-3/-9	-2/-8	-1/-7	-0/-6	0/-6
900	-1/-7	-1/-7	-1/-6	-0/-5	1/-3	1/-3	1/-2	2/-3	2/-3
600	1/-3	1/-3	2/-2	2/-1	3/0	4/1	4/1	4/1	4/0
300	3/1	3/1	3/1	4/3	6/4	7/5	6/5	6/4	6/4
Glen	5/3	4/3	5/3	6/5	9/8	9/8	8/7	7/6	7/5
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	800m	800m	900m	1000m	1400m	1800m	1900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Freezing level generally 200-300m higher than in table south of Glencoe. Turning milder overnight.

Forecast for Tuesday 16 Mar 2021
Weather: Mild with low cloud and outbreaks of rain through the early hours, clearing shortly after dawn. Then a dry day with plenty of sunshine, but strong winds across the tops. Dry with some high cloud overnight.

Maximum wind: Northwest 35 mph gusting 45-50 mph in the morning, perhaps 55 mph at times over the summits. Easing slightly to 25 gusting 35 mph late afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil through the early hours. 90% or more soon after dawn.

Visibility: Poor to start with cloud extensive down to low levels, but soon becoming excellent with cloud lifting and dispersing after dawn. Some patchy cloud may persist for a couple of hours in the morning above 700m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7 Celsius rising to 11 Celsius, falling to plus 4 Celsius in the evening.
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius, falling to plus 2 Celsius in the evening.
Freezing level: Above the summits, dropping to 1200m soon after dawn.

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